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FOR ASST SECRETARY ATHERTON FROM WILLIAM PORTER

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, ENRG, OPEC, SA
SUBJECT: OPEC MEETING

1. THE NEXT OPEC MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE EARLY IN JULY AND PRESSURES BY THE ELEVEN AND OTHERS ON THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT TO CHANGE ITS POSITION ARE ALREADY EVIDENT. IN TWO MONTHS TIME SUCH PRESSURES WILL PEAK AND WILL BE MAINTAINED UNTIL MEETING TAKES PLACE.

2. ORDINARILY I BEGIN TWO OR THREE MONTHS IN ADVANCE TO MONITOR CLOSELY SENTIMENT AT TOP LEVEL TO PROVIDE ADVANCE INDICATIONS IF POSSIBLE OF SAG INTENTIONS. (AS EXAMPLE, I MIGHT MENTION REPORT I PROVIDED SEPTEMBER 8 LAST YEAR.)

3. IN VIEW PRINCE FAHD'S UPCOMING VISIT, AND IN BELIEF HE WILL GIVE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY CLEAR VIEW OF SAUDI POSITION WHEN HE MEETS WITH THEM, I DO NOT INTEND TO PROBE MATTER BETWEEN NOW AND CONCLUSION OF VISIT, UNLESS I AM INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE OR UNLESS INFORMATION OF OBVIOUS IMPORTANCE BECOMES AVAILABLE. IN LATTER CASE I WOULD OF COURSE CONSULT WITH YOU IMMEDIATELY. IT IS QUITE UNLIKELY THAT FAHD WOULD APPROVE ANY DECISION ON MATTER PRIOR TO HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

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